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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE: LOME MEDIATION
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1# PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER ARRIVED AT LOME'S TOKOIN
AIRPORT THIS MORNING (JUNE 16) THUS ENDING LOCAL DOUBTS AS TO
HIS PARTICIPATION IN LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION (LMC) MEETING
ON JUNE 17-18. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, MOTORCADE BEARING
GUINEA'S PM BEAVOGUI ARRIVED AT AIRPORT WITH GHANA POLICE ESCORT
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FROM ACCRA. ALL HANDS INCLUDING DIPCORPS TROOPED BACK OUT

ONT LANDING FIELD WHERE BEAVOGUI RECEIVED "AIRPORT RECEPTION" OF BAND, HONOR GUARD AND "ANIMATION", SAME AS KOUNTCHE'S BUT FOR LACK OF AIRPLANE FOR BACKDROP. THIS AFTERNOON PRESIDENT SENGHOR ARRIVES AT AIRPORT AND PRESIDENTS TRAORE OF MALI AND LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA ARE SLATED, ACCORDING TO GOT'S PRINTED PROGRAM, TO ARRIVE BY AIR TOMORROW AFTERNOON. (ALL THREE WELCOMES, AND DEPARTING CEREMONIES THURSDAY, JUNE 19 WILL REQUIRE PRESENCE OF GOT CABINET, AMBASSADORS, CHARGES, HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, RPT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, FORMER MINISTERS AND OTHER "HAUTS PERSONNAGES". ONE COLLEAGUE REMARKED, "IT'S LIKE BEING IN THE CHORUS OF 'AIDA'.")

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS HEARD OAU PRES. SIAD BARRE IS NOT COMING, ALTHOUGH HIS PHOTOS APPEAR ON MOTORCADE ROUTE FROM AIRPORT TO PALACE; AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT INSTEAD OF SENDING OAU SYG ETEKI AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE SIAD BARRE PLANS SEND SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER WHO, IT WOULD APPEAR, HAS NO STANDING AS OAU REPRESENTATIVE.

3. GERMAN CHARGE HAS RECEIVED REPORT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WOULD LIKE TO HELP MEDIATE MALI-UPPER VOLTA CONFLICT -- BUT ONLY AS CHIEF MEDIATOR. BOUMEDIENE'S PICTURES WERE PUT UP YESTERDAY ON MOTORCADE ROUTE, TAKEN DOWN THIS MORNING.

4. AIR OF LAST MINUTE UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO IS COMING TO LMC UNDERLINED BY FACT TODAY'S TOGO-PRESSE WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED UNTIL AFTERNOON. HEADLINE SIMPLY STATES "IMPORTANT MEETING OF COMMISSION OF MEDIATION IN MALI-UPPER VOLTA CONFLICT TOMORROW," UNDER WHICH APPEAR PHOTOS OF EYADEMA, BOUMEDIENE, SEKOU TOURE, LAMIZANA, TRAORE, KOUNTCHE, SENGHOR AND SIAD BARRE. ONLY FORTHCOMING ARRIVALS MENTIONED IN NEWSSTORY, HOWEVER, WERE THOSE WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE BEFORE PAPER WAS DISTRIBUTED.

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